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**"AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
CONNECTICUT TOWN CLERKS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 2-30a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) At such time as a proposed constitutional amendment and its
6 concomitant ballot question is approved by the General Assembly for
7 presentation to the electors of the state for their consideration at a
8 general election, the Office of Legislative Research shall prepare a
9 concise explanatory text as to the content and purpose of the proposed
10 constitutional amendment subject to the approval of the joint standing
11 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
12 constitutional amendments. Upon such approval, the Secretary of the
13 State shall cause such proposed amendment and such explanatory text
14 to be printed and transmitted to the town clerk in each town in the

15 state in sufficient supply for public distribution.

16 (b) The Secretary of the State shall print the explanations of
17 proposed constitutional amendments, as required by subsection (a) of
18 this section, on posters of a size to be determined by said secretary and
19 shall mail at least three such posters for every polling place within a
20 town, to the [town clerk] registrars of voters. Said [clerk] registrars
21 shall cause at least three such posters to be posted at each polling place
22 at which electors shall be voting on such proposed constitutional
23 amendments. Any posters received by [a town clerk] the registrars in
24 excess of the number required by this subsection to be so posted may
25 be displayed by said [clerk at his] registrars at their discretion at
26 locations which are frequented by the public. No expenditure of state
27 funds shall be made to influence electors to vote for or against any
28 such proposed constitutional amendment.

29 Sec. 2. Section 9-42a of the general statutes is repealed and the
30 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2010*):

31 [(a) As used in this section, the term "municipal office" shall be
32 construed as defined in section 9-372, except that such term shall not
33 include the municipal offices of state senator and state representative.]

34 [(b)] (a) On the written request of any elector who identifies himself
35 to the satisfaction of the registrars of voters, such registrars shall make
36 any changes in the name of such elector as it appears on the registry
37 list, provided such elector furnishes reasonable evidence to the
38 registrars that the name as changed is a lawful name of such elector.
39 No such change shall be made between the Tuesday of the fifth week
40 before a regular election and the day of such election.

41 [(c)] (b) No such change in the name of a candidate at a primary
42 shall affect the name of the candidate as it appears on the primary
43 ballot, [unless the elector is a candidate for town committee or
44 municipal office and the change is made not later than the twenty-
45 ninth day preceding the day of the primary.] No such change in the
46 name of a major party candidate at an election shall affect the name of

47 such candidate as it appears on the election ballot. [unless the elector is
48 a candidate for municipal office and the change is made not later than
49 the fifty-fifth day preceding the day of such election.] No such change
50 in the name of a minor party candidate or a nominating petition
51 candidate for any office at an election shall affect the name of such
52 candidate as it appears on the election ballot. [unless the change is
53 made not later than the fifty-fifth day preceding the day of the
54 election.]

55 Sec. 3. Section 9-232j of the general statutes is repealed and the
56 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

57 The moderator of the election in each voting district shall appear at
58 the office of the [town clerk] registrars of voters not later than eight
59 o'clock p.m. of the day before an election for federal office. At such
60 time, the [town clerk] registrars of voters shall provide a provisional
61 ballot packet to such moderator or moderators. Each packet shall
62 include: (1) The appropriate number of provisional ballots for federal
63 office provided by the Secretary of the State, which shall be equal to
64 not less than one per cent of the number of electors who are eligible to
65 vote in the voting district served by the moderator, or such other
66 number as the municipal clerk and the registrars agree is sufficient to
67 protect electors' voting rights, (2) the appropriate number of serially-
68 numbered envelopes prescribed by the Secretary, (3) a provisional
69 ballot inventory form, (4) a provisional ballot depository envelope, and
70 (5) other necessary forms prescribed by the Secretary.

71 Sec. 4. Section 9-391 of the general statutes is repealed and the
72 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2010*):

73 (a) Each endorsement of a candidate to run in a primary for the
74 nomination of candidates for municipal office to be voted upon at a
75 municipal election, or for the election of town committee members
76 shall be made under the provisions of section 9-390 not earlier than the
77 fifty-sixth day or later than the forty-ninth day preceding the day of
78 such primary. The endorsement shall be certified to the clerk of the

79 municipality by either (1) the chairman or presiding officer, or (2) the
80 secretary of the town committee, caucus or convention, as the case may
81 be, not later than four o'clock p.m. on the forty-eighth day preceding
82 the day of such primary. Such certification shall contain the name
83 [and] of each such endorsed candidate as the candidate authorizes it to
84 appear on the ballot, the signature of each such endorsed candidate,
85 the street address of each person so endorsed, the title of the office or
86 the position as committee member and the name or number of the
87 political subdivision or district, if any, for which each such person is
88 endorsed. If such a certificate of a party's endorsement is not received
89 by the town clerk by such time, such certificate shall be invalid and
90 such party, for purposes of sections 9-417, 9-418 and 9-419, shall be
91 deemed to have neither made nor certified such endorsement of any
92 candidate for such office.

93 (b) Each selection of delegates to a state or district convention shall
94 be made in accordance with the provisions of section 9-390 not earlier
95 than the one-hundred-fortieth day and not later than the one-hundred-
96 thirty-third day preceding the day of the primary for such state or
97 district office. Such selection shall be certified to the clerk of the
98 municipality by the chairman or presiding officer and the secretary of
99 the town committee or caucus, as the case may be, not later than four
100 o'clock p.m. on the one-hundred-thirty-second day preceding the day
101 of such primary. Each such certification shall contain the name and
102 street address of each person so selected, the position as delegate, and
103 the name or number of the political subdivision or district, if any, for
104 which each such person is selected. If such a certificate of a party's
105 selection is not received by the town clerk by such time, such certificate
106 shall be invalid and such party, for purposes of sections 9-417 and 9-
107 420, shall be deemed to have neither made nor certified any selection
108 of any person for the position of delegate.

109 (c) Each endorsement of a candidate to run in a primary for the
110 nomination of candidates for a municipal office to be voted upon at a
111 state election shall be made under the provisions of section 9-390 not
112 earlier than the eighty-fourth day or later than the seventy-seventh day

113 preceding the day of such primary. Any certification to be filed under
114 this subsection shall be received by the Secretary of the State, in the
115 case of a candidate for the office of state senator or state representative,
116 or the town clerk, in the case of a candidate for any other municipal
117 office to be voted upon at a state election, not later than four o'clock
118 p.m. on the fourteenth day after the close of the town committee
119 meeting, caucus or convention, as the case may be. If such a certificate
120 of a party's endorsement is not received by the Secretary of the State or
121 the town clerk, as the case may be, by such time, such certificate shall
122 be invalid and such party, for the purposes of sections 9-417 and 9-418,
123 shall be deemed to have neither made nor certified any endorsement of
124 any candidate for such office. The candidate so endorsed for a
125 municipal office to be voted upon at a state election, other than the
126 office of justice of the peace, shall file with the Secretary of the State or
127 the town clerk, as the case may be, a certificate, signed by that
128 candidate, stating that such candidate was so endorsed, the candidate's
129 name as the candidate authorizes it to appear on the ballot, the
130 candidate's full street address and the title and district of the office for
131 which the candidate was endorsed. Such certificate shall be attested by
132 the chairman or presiding officer and the secretary of the town
133 committee, caucus or convention which made such endorsement. The
134 endorsement of candidates for the office of justice of the peace shall be
135 certified to the clerk of the municipality by the chairman or presiding
136 officer and the secretary of the town committee, caucus or convention,
137 and shall contain the name and street address of each person so
138 endorsed and the title of the office for which each such person is
139 endorsed.

140 Sec. 5. Section 9-452 of the general statutes is repealed and the
141 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2010*):

142 All minor parties nominating candidates for any elective office shall
143 make such nominations and certify and file a list of such nominations,
144 as required by this section, not later than the sixty-second day prior to
145 the day of the election at which such candidates are to be voted for. A
146 list of nominees in printed or typewritten form that includes each

147 candidate's name as each candidate authorizes it to appear on the
148 ballot, the signature of each candidate, the full street address of each
149 candidate and the title and district of the office for which each
150 candidate was nominated shall be certified by the presiding officer of
151 the committee, meeting or other authority making such nomination
152 and shall be filed by such presiding officer with the Secretary of the
153 State, in the case of state or district office or the municipal office of
154 state representative, state senator or judge of probate, or with the clerk
155 of the municipality, in the case of municipal office, not later than the
156 sixty-second day prior to the day of the election. The clerk of such
157 municipality shall promptly verify and correct the names on any such
158 list filed with him, or the names of nominees forwarded to him by the
159 Secretary of the State, in accordance with the registry list of such
160 municipality and endorse the same as having been so verified and
161 corrected. For purposes of this section, a list of nominations shall be
162 deemed to be filed when it is received by the secretary or clerk, as
163 appropriate.

164 Sec. 6. Section 9-461 of the general statutes is repealed and the
165 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2010*):

166 Not later than the seventh day following the date set for the primary
167 for nomination at any election at which a municipal office is to be
168 filled, the clerk of the municipality in which such election is to be held
169 shall file with the Secretary of the State a list of the candidates of each
170 party for the municipal offices to be filled at such election nominated
171 in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. Such list shall be on a
172 form provided by the Secretary of the State and shall indicate the name
173 and address of each candidate and the office and term for which each
174 candidate has been nominated, and, except for major party candidates
175 for the municipal offices of state senator or state representative, shall
176 contain the certification of such municipal clerk that he has compared
177 the name of each such candidate with the candidate's name as [it
178 appears on the registry list] the candidate authorizes it to appear on
179 the ballot, pursuant to the certificate filed in accordance with
180 subsection (c) of section 9-391, as amended by this act, or the statement

181 of consent filed in accordance with section 9-409, as applicable, and has
 182 verified and corrected the same. In the case of major party candidates
 183 for the municipal offices of state senator or state representative, such
 184 list shall contain the certification of the [town] municipal clerk that he
 185 has compared the name of each such candidate with the candidate's
 186 name as the candidate has authorized, on the certificate or statement of
 187 consent filed under subsection (b) of section 9-391, as amended by this
 188 act, or section 9-409, his name to appear, and has verified and
 189 corrected the same. Such list shall include a statement of the total
 190 number of candidates for which each elector may vote for each office
 191 and term at such election as set forth in the list or amendment or
 192 supplement thereto filed with the Secretary of the State under section
 193 9-254. After the filing of such list of candidates, the clerk of the
 194 municipality shall forthwith notify the Secretary of the State of any
 195 errors in such list or of any changes in such list provided for in section
 196 9-329a or 9-460."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	2-30a
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2010</i>	9-42a
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	9-232j
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2010</i>	9-391
Sec. 5	<i>January 1, 2010</i>	9-452
Sec. 6	<i>January 1, 2010</i>	9-461